22nd October 1927]

Disafforestation of forests in Kurnool district.

*822 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: With reference to the reply to my question No. 32 regarding the alleged memorial about the disafforestation of forests in Kurnool district, answered on 23rd August 1927, that the Government had called for a report, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to place the report on the table of the House?

A.—Information on the points asked for in Legislative Council question No. 32 is appended.[a]

Levy of grazing fees in the forests of Kurnool district.

*823 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: With reference to the reply to my question No. 166 (b) (ii) and (iii) and (e) regarding levy of grazing fees in the forests of Kurnool district that reports had been called for, will the hon. the Home Member be now pleased to lay those reports on the table of the House?

A.—The information is appended.[b]

Forests handed over to Forest Panchayats in South Kanara.

*824 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the total extent of reserved forests in South Kanara;

(*b*) how many of these forests have been handed over to panchayats under the Forest Village system and what is the total area of such forests;

(*c*) whether these panchayats have worked satisfactorily; and

(*d*) whether the Government have any objection to bring under panchayat management all the reserves up to a distance of one mile from the adjoining private holdings?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to Form No. 26 appended to the Administration Report of the Forest department, Volume I.

(*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the statement given in answer to clause (*b*) of Legislative Council question No. 486 answered on 23rd March 1927. The actual area of these forests is not known.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know, Sir, if the Government have any objection to bring under panchayat management all the reserves in South Kanara up to a distance of one mile from the adjoining private holdings?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"There are certain administrative difficulties, Sir."

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 510 infra. [b] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 510-511 infra.